

## AUTHOR DESCRIBES "VISION OF ANGELS"

Machem Thinks Apparition Was Result of Imagination, but Unknown Witness Tells What Men Saw.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, Sept. 4.—Quite a lot of discussion has been going on over the alleged "vision" of angels seen by British soldiers at the time of the retreat from Mons.

The story goes that this apparition appeared at a critical moment of that eventful day, August 23, from which time the Germans retreated. The evidence of the "vision" has come from various sources.

Arthur Machem, a well-known author, says the whole story originated from an imaginary incident which he had himself conceived and published as fiction in a London paper shortly after the battle of Mons. He now quotes in a little book entitled "The Bowmen and Other Legends" some extracts contained in advance proofs of an article by Miss Phyllis Campbell in the August issue of the Occult Review.

Miss Campbell was a nurse in France when the war broke out and tended a wounded British soldier. He said he wanted a picture or medal of St. George, because he had seen him on a white horse, leading the British at Vitry-le-Francois when the allies turned.

Other soldiers corroborated this statement, but Mr. Machem's incredulity is not shaken. Because Miss Campbell fails from start to finish to give a single name of the many "from Mons to Ypres" who saw the apparition in golden armor.

Now a new witness comes forward in the person of a lance corporal at present in the hospital, but still there is no name given, as the gallant soldier is forbidden to divulge his identity.

He says that half of his battalion was on the edge of a wood resting when an officer came up and asked them if they had seen anything startling. He passed on from one party of ten men to the other and asked the same question. They thought at first a surprise attack by the Germans was what he meant. Later, however, the officer invited them to look at the sky. This is the corporal's account of what he saw:

"In the mid air there was a strange light which seemed to be quite distinctly outlined and was not a re-

flexion of the moon, nor were there any clouds in the neighborhood. The light became brighter and I could see quite distinctly three shapes, one in the center having what looked like outspread wings the other two were not so large but were quite plainly distinct from the center one.

"They appeared to have a long loose-hanging garment of a golden tint and they were above the German line facing us. We stood watching for about three-quarters of an hour. All the men with me saw them and other men came up from other groups, who also told us that they had seen the same thing.

"I am not a believer in such things, but I have not the slightest doubt that we really did see what I now tell you."

### TOMORROW'S MENU.

"He is as good as good bread."—Cervantes.

**BREAKFAST.**  
Fruit  
Cereal and Cream  
Ham  
Toast  
Coffee

**DINNER.**  
Vermicelli Soup  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Roast Beef  
Corn  
Celery Salad  
Stuffed Peppers  
Ice Cream

**SUPPER.**  
Sweetbreads and Mushrooms  
Parker House Rolls  
Sliced Peaches

Ham on Toast—Mince nicely a quarter of a pound of cooked ham, add a teaspoonful of anchovy paste, a dash of cayenne and make mix with two well-beaten eggs, and add just enough milk to moisten. Heat very hot in double boiler and serve on slices of toast.

Celery Salad—Chill the hearts of celery, cut in small pieces, mix with a few chopped nuts and olive oil with enough mayonnaise to hold together. Serve with celery leaves instead of lettuce.

Sweetbreads and Mushrooms—Parboil and blanch sweetbreads and remove all fat. Then cut each in half and brown in butter. Remove to a hot platter and sprinkle with salt. Heat a can of mushrooms cut in halves in the butter with a third of a cupful of thick cream and thicken with a little flour. Pour over the sweetbreads.

Sweden yearly exports \$12,000,000 worth of butter.

## Chicago Merchant Becomes Secret Munitions Purchaser for Allies



London, Sept. 4.—Gordon Selfridge, the merchant from Chicago, who has built up the greatest retail business in London, has dedicated his resourcefulness to the British government in the war, and also has been of great use to the French government in purchasing war supplies.

When Mr. Selfridge started here the British merchants tried to ruin him, even going so far as to seek to undermine his credit at the banks. Rumor after rumor was started that he was on the verge of bankruptcy. Now he is in high favor.

Mr. Selfridge is credited with spending some \$5,000,000 of the French government's money in quietly buying up supplies, which were sold without it becoming known for whom they were destined, thus doing away with the exorbitant increase in price, which appears to be inevitable the moment the regular government buyer appears in the market.

For the British government Mr. Selfridge has spent hundreds of thousands of pounds in the same manner, donating his services without the slightest remuneration. At the same time he has released 50 per cent of the male staff of his store to join the British colors, entering into an agreement to give the men their positions back when the war is over.

The telegram is as follows: "Your Excellency's call for a definite program for submission to Congress based upon expert opinion in the army and navy, deserves united endorsement of the country to arouse the public and its representatives in Congress to the needs of an adequate army and navy outlined in our statement. We pledge our unremitting support."

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